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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Stanislaus Council of Governments' (STANCOG) 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
8	State and Local Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none">Modifies, deletes or adds various projects in Stanislaus County. The amendment includes projects with funding from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program, Minor Program and the Federal Demonstration Program. See enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 8 for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only. Please note that the approval of this amendment does not constitute eligibility determination for the projects from this amendment that are funded from CMAQ program.

The updated programming is for project types within that have been found by STANCOG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan.

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The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. STANCOG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross A. Chittenden", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ROSS A. CHITTENDEN, Chief
Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
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Abhijit Bagde - Caltrans